

DAK RIDGE  
GEMETERY











HISTORY AND IMPROVEMENTS  
OF  
Oak Ridge Cemetery

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**Charter and Ordinances**

Rules and Regulations

National Lincoln Monument

AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST REGARDING SAME.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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Some forty years have elapsed when the cemetery was established by our municipal authorities. The Mayor and City Council have from year to year appointed a Board of Managers and have delegated to them all the controlling power and supervision in its management as provided by Charter and City Ordinances. The lots or places for burial purchased by deed of conveyance, guarantees that it be perpetually kept and used for a place of burial.

The cemetery has become large in extent, its requirements, labor, care and responsibilities in its management become arduous, its lot owners more numerous, and the number of interments are constantly increasing.

The rules and regulations for its government become inadequate and insufficient with its growth, and the demand and progress of time, in not only promoting its best interest for the present, but preserve its perpetuity. Most of those who were the active and vigilant promoters in establishing Oak Ridge Cemetery have passed away, and are now sleeping beneath the sod in yonder silent enclosure the pride of our city.

In formulating a brief sketch of Oak Ridge Cemetery, concerning its history, no doubt will be of public interest, not only to the present, but also a new and coming generation. This little volume embracing the Rules and Regulations as revised and adopted by the Board of Managers with the beginning of the year A. D. 1902, has been carefully prepared with an opportunity of long years<sup>1</sup> of personal experience in connection with the management of Oak Ridge Cemetery, and the valuable information gained in visiting a large number of the best and well regulated cemeteries throughout our country with many courtesies shown in so doing is duly acknowledged.

Hoping that it will prove acceptable to the Board of Managers and all interested,

I am your obedient servant,

DR. HENRY WOHLGEMUTH,

*President Board of Managers Oak Ridge Cemetery.*

## OAK RIDGE CEMETERY.

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### DEDICATION.

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The grounds of this institution now comprise about one hundred and fifteen acres. The first purchase of a tract of land outside of the city limits of Springfield, for burial purposes, was made in June, 1855, and in May, 1856, a second purchase was made, enlarging the area to twenty-eight and one-half acres. The site chosen was a most beautiful one. Situated about two miles north of the capitol, with undulating surface and pleasing blending of hill and dale, interspersed with a natural growth of deciduous trees, the location was peculiarly fitted for the purposes of sepulture. Forest oaks of various species being the prevailing shade, the name of Oak Ridge Cemetery was, at the suggestion of Hon. John Cook, mayor of the city, given to what has now become one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the land. Previous to 1858 but little improvement was made of the grounds, except to enclose them with a common post and board fence. On the 18th of April of that year, Mr. George Willis was appointed sexton, by the city council.

Being under the exclusive control of the city council, and its rules and regulations consequently liable to influences and changes not in accordance with the desires and feelings of lot owners, the cemetery did not at once gain that public favor which was desirable and necessary to its proper maintenance and improvement. It was therefore deemed advisable by the council to obtain such charter amendments as would more specifically define the tenure of the lot owners. Such amendments were obtained from the Legislature in 1859.

In April, 1860, under the amended charter, the first board of managers was chosen, as follows:

Turner R. King, *President*.

James L. Lamb.

Gilbert S. Manning.

Benj. F. Fox.

Presco Wright, *Secretary*.

George Willis was appointed sexton.

On Thursday, the 24th of May, 1860, according to a resolution of the board of managers above named, the cemetery grounds, as originally laid out, were dedicated. The mayor and members of the city council, with a large concourse of citizens, participated in the imposing ceremonies of the occasion. The day was most auspicious, one of the bright and beautiful days of the early spring—fit season for the solemn and impressive services which were to connect what is mortal in human life with the immortal life beyond. A procession was formed at the public square, of the city, and under the direction of John S. Bradford, Esq., and Thomas J. Dennis, Esq., as marshals of the day, marched to the cemetery, where the dedicatory services were held at three o'clock in the afternoon.

#### PROGRAM OF DEDICATION.

1. Music by the band.
2. Prayer by Rev. John G. Bergen, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church.
3. Dirge, by the choir, under the direction of George L. Huntington, Esq.

Words by George Croly. Music by J. Demmer.

"Earth to earth, and dust to dust!"  
 Here the evil and the just,  
 Here the youthful and the old,  
 Here the faithful and the bold,  
 Here the matron and the maid,  
 In one silent bed are laid;  
 Here the vassal and the king  
 Side by side lie withering;  
 Here the sword and scepter rust—  
 "Earth to earth, and dust to dust!"

Age on age shall roll along,  
 O'er this pale and mighty throng;  
 Those that wept them, they that weep,  
 All shall with these sleepers sleep;  
 Brothers, sisters of the worm—  
 Summer's sun, or winter's storm,  
 Song of peace, or battle's roar  
 Ne'er shall break their slumbers more;  
 Death shall keep his sullen trust—  
 "Earth to earth, and dust to dust!"

But a day is coming fast  
 Earth, thy mightiest and thy last!  
 It shall come in fear and wonder,  
 Heralded by triumph and thunder;  
 It shall come in strife and toil,  
 It shall come in blood and spoil;  
 It shall come in empires' groans,  
 Burning temples, ruined thrones;  
 The Ambition, rue thy lust!  
 "Earth to earth, and dust to dust!"

Then shall come the judgment sign;  
 In the east the King shall shine,  
 Flashing from the heaven's golden gate,  
 Thousands, thousands, round his state;  
 Spirits with the crown and plume;  
 Tremble then, thou sullen tomb!  
 Heaven shall open on thy sight,  
 Earth be turned to living light—  
 Kingdom of the ransomed just—  
 "Earth to earth, and dust to dust!"

Then thy mount, Jerusalem,  
 Shall be gorgeous as a gem!  
 Then shall in the desert rise  
 Fruits of more than Paradise;  
 Earth by angel feet be trod—  
 One great garden of her God!  
 Till are dried the martyr's tears,  
 Through a thousand glorious years!  
 Now in hope of him we trust—  
 'Earth to earth, and dust to dust!'

#### 4. Address by Honorable James C. Conkling.

How solemn, how impressive the scene! Far away from the haunts of busy life, far distant from the ceaseless rush of active enterprise, far removed from the giddy whirl of fashion and of pleasure, we are assembled to consecrate this ground, not to the living, but the dead. Here we erect no stately edifice to supply the demands of commerce. Here we found no halls of learning in which to gather the accumulated treasures of art and science. Here we rear no temple, which shall resound with the noise of revelry and mirth. Here we raise no walls adorned with architectural splendor, in which to stimulate the hopes and pamper the pride of vain ambition. Here we lay the foundation of no commercial emporium, through which are to roll with unceasing energy the rushing streams of life, and around which are to cluster unbounded visions of speculative wealth.

We are assembled, my friends, for no such purpose. But here, with naught but the pure arch of heaven above us, we dedicate the City of the Dead. Here we consecrate this sacred inclosure for the last demands of frail humanity.

When the fitful dream of life is over, when the wild throbbings of ambition no longer stimulate the heart, when hope, God's lingering messenger to sinful man, has winged its flight, when love returns the kindred glance of love no more, when the heart, wounded and crushed amidst the contending elements of a cold and selfish world, has lost its elastic power, when the last pulse has beaten, the last sigh been heaved, the last groan been uttered, when man has run his allotted course and fulfilled his destiny on earth, here he may find a resting place. Here the corruptible remains of his mortal nature may secure a refuge from the fierce storms and conflicts of life, for here "The wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

Standing thus upon the borders of the tomb, methinks I hear the mighty tread of unnumbered millions as they are traveling onward from the cradle to the grave. Firmly and steadily they are pressing forward resistless as fate. No abstacle can impede their progress. Neither the threats of power, nor the blandishments of love, nor the influences of wealth can check their inevitable career. Indolence cannot retard, pleasures cannot divert, riches cannot bribe them to halt in the midst of their onward course. Inexorable destiny presses them forward without a moment's respite to the tomb. The heavy tramp of their march resounds through all the earth. It may be heard amid the frozen regions of the north, as the bold adventurer forces his passage across their icy plains in search of glory or of gain. It echoes amid the desert sands, parched by the blaze of a southern sun. From the far distant islands of the sea, mingled with the eternal roar of the surf that dashes upon their rock-bound shores, it comes booming across the mighty waste of waters. It resounds with the noise of the caravan, whose bones are left to bleach upon the arid plain. It is wafted upon our western breezes with the dying groans of thousands who rush in search of golden treasures. It follows in the wake of the gallant ship, as she plows her lonely course across the trackless deep. It rises above the din of commerce upon the crowded mart. In the secluded valley, upon the fertile prairie and on the mountain top, it is mingled with the wailing and lamentations of the mourner. Amidst the wretched hovels of the poor, and the gorgeous palaces of the rich; in the dark lane as well as upon the broad avenue, amid the whispers of affection by the dying couch, and above the raging tumult of the battlefield, may still be heard that ponderous tread of humanity, as it marches onward to the grave, in obedience to the fiat of the Almighty, "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

The history of the past witnesses to the truth of this declaration. For six thousand years successive generations have arisen, have flourished and have died. The impress of mortality has been stamped upon the material organization of the human race. The lovely infant, exposed to the chilling atmosphere of the world, has refused to unfold the blossoms of its earthly existence, and calmly closed its eyes in death. Youth, in the midst of the enjoyments of life, and glowing with rich anticipations of the future, has been swept away. Full-aged maturity has run its allotted career, and yielded to the demands of nature. The antediluvian, around whose head the sun had circled century after century; who like a giant oak had withstood unshaken the storms of many ages; who had witnessed the rise and fall of successive empires, at last obeyed the universal law. His remains now rest upon the bosom of his mother earth, and this brief epitaph, "He was born, he lived, he died," is all that is inscribed upon the page of history.

The grave is the common inheritance of all mankind. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, the master and the serf, the monarch and his slave, the refined and the barbarous, are there reduced to the same level. There sleep the patriarchs, whose virtues illumine the page of sacred history, and there the prophets whose visions continue to inspire mankind with holy faith, and there the martyrs who sealed with their blood their devotion to the cause of truth, and there the apostles who taught the doctrines of Him who brought life and immortality to light, and there the early fathers, the memory of whose virtues is yet cherished with pious reverence. There slumbers the proud warrior, who often led his marshalled hosts to victory and to fame, and there the monarch whose noble qualities and illustrious deeds have filled the annals of history and stimulated the ambition of mankind, and there the philosopher whose profound intellect penetrated into the mysteries of nature, developed the secret laws which control the universe and harmonized into beautiful simplicity what appeared to be its chaotic and incongruous elements; and there are deposited the mortal remains of those who were once the idolized objects of affectionate love, in every relation of domestic life.

Hence the tomb has been regarded with sacred veneration by all people in all ages.

The same sentiments by which we are controlled, and which beget in us a desire to mingle our ashes at last with the remains of those who were once the objects of our regard, are transmitted to us from the remotest periods of antiquity.

It was recorded upon the page of sacred history, four thousand years ago, that "Sarah died in Kirjath arba, the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you; give me a possession of a burying place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession, in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of the city. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre."

We can well imagine how the aged patriarch loved to visit that sacred spot; how he lingered in silent communion with her spirit, beneath the shade of the trees, that were in all the borders round about; and how he mourned and wept at the pensive evening hour, at the cave, where were deposited the mortal remains of his departed wife.

We can likewise appreciate the affectionate sentiments of his children who "Buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre, the field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth. There was Abraham buried and Sarah his wife." There were their ashes left to commingle, until the resurrection morn shall break, when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality.

"And Jacob charged his sons and said unto them: I am to be gathered unto my people; bury me with my fathers, in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah." "And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them."

"And Joseph said unto his brethren," in the land of Egypt, "I die; and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence." And it came to pass nearly two hundred years afterwards, "The bones of Joseph which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of silver."

How tenderly and affectionately is this same sentiment, this desire to be buried with those we love, expressed by Ruth where she addresses Naomi, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people; and thy God, my God; where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried."

From those early ages to the present, the instincts of our nature have demanded some resting place where friends and kindred could repose together in the sleep of death. The Egyptians constructed labyrinths in which to deposit their mortal remains. The Phœnicians and Greeks hewed out vast chambers in their rocks for tombs. The Romans erected magnificent mausoleums or consecrated immense subterranean caverns for the purpose of burial. The grottoes and catacombs of Asia Minor, of Italy and of Paris, constitute gigantic depositories, where the dead have accumulated for many successive generations. But none of these can excite the same tender emotions, can soothe so well the crushed and wounded heart, satisfy so perfectly the demands of our nature as the field of Ephron, with its cave for a tomb, and adorned by the trees that are in all the borders around about.

The vain ambition of some long-forgotten monarch impelled him to construct the mighty pyramid, with the hope that his name and remains would be preserved as objects of idolatrous admiration through unnumbered ages. The gratitude of a government for the distinguished services of the illustrious dead, consecrated a Westminster Abbey, where their honored remains refuse to mingle with the common mould of humanity. The affections of our people concentrate around the tomb at Mount Vernon, they lavish their sympathies upon sculptured monuments and lofty columns; but neither the pyramid, the temple or the pillar can impress the mind so profoundly, can melt the heart so tenderly, can inspire the affections with such religious awe, as the surroundings of nature, combined with art, as exhibited in the cemeteries of Pere la Chaise, and Mt. Auburn, and Greenwood, and Laurel Hill, and other celebrated burial places of the dead.

Their serpentine walks, their shady recesses, their sacred emblems, their simple inscriptions, their unimpassioned stillness and heavenly repose invite the soul to sweet communion with the spirits of those who have departed, purify it from the dross of earth, and prepare it for a happier sphere.

The broken column speaks in silent but emphatic tones of shattered hopes and blasted expectations. The funeral urn reminds us of the dust and ashes to which we shall finally be reduced. The rose bud is sweetly emblematic of those who merely sipped the cup of life and then refused to drink. The smiling cherub soothes the spirit crushed to earth and points the desponding heart to heaven as the source of comfort and consolation. The lofty column elevates the affections above the world, and directs them upward to the skies. The enduring marble is suggestive of the eternal truth, and abiding promises of Him who cannot lie. The brief inscription indicates the sum total of man's history, and emphatically rebukes the vanity of human ambition; while the cross, the grand center of attraction, proclaims that the affections are crucified to the world, and declares the triumph of the soul over the power

and domioun of sin. O! what lessons of wisdom may here be learned! What gems and pearls of inestimable value may here be gathered upon the shores of eternity! As its waves murmur and ripple at our feet angel spirits seem to hover around us and invite us to launch upon its broad and peaceful bosom. How well may we here appreciate the insignificance of the present, and the immensity of the infinite future? Here does the present recede from the sight until it is lost in the distance, while the boundless eternal fills the vision, and absorbs the soul.

But who shall be the tenants of these silent abodes? Ah, my friends, this concerns us all. Soon the silver cord shall be loosed. Soon the golden bowl shall be broken. Soon the tenderest ties of life shall be sundered, and then shall be the gathering of assembled mourners. The funeral dirge shall mingle with the lamentations of the bereaved, the sad procession shall slowly wind along the dusty avenue, and you and I shall exchange the tenements of the living for the city of the dead. "Then shall our dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it." \* \* \*

That blooming child, through whose pure veins now flows the current of life in rich profusion, whose melodious voice warbles like the music of the bird, whose merry laugh rings gratefully on the ear, whose brilliant eye sparkles with intelligence, and who eagerly sips the honey of existence from the flowers that bloom along its path, may be suddenly arrested in the midst of its enjoyments, and consigned to the tomb.

Around me on every side, are the strong and the powerful, and the athletic forms of those who are actively engaged in all the busy avocations of life. One is striving to amass the treasures of this world by commercial enterprise, another is storing his mind with the principles of some honorable profession, and another is attempting to ascend the rugged heights of political ambition. But neither the honor nor the usefulness of their employments can resist the encroachments of disease, nor the ultimate triumph of death. The skill of the physician can not baffle the assaults of the last grim adversary. The eloquence of the advocate can not persuade him to relax his grasp. The argument of the statesman can not change his relentless determination. The wealth of the merchant and the banker can not purchase one moment's respite. But soon all will sink beneath the stroke of the fell destroyer, and marble halls, and gorgeous palaces, and splendid fashion, and magnificent equipage, will be exchanged for the cerements of the dead—the funeral hearse—the silent grave.

Here will be deposited side by side the father and son, the mother and daughter, the brother and sister, the husband and wife. Here will be represented every relation in life, and every grade in human society. Here will be heard the lamentations of many a Rachel mourning for her children, and refusing to be comforted because they are not. Here will be seen the aged form of many an Abraham bowed with grief at the tomb of his departed Sarah. Here will be heard the exclamation of many a David, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" Here many a Martha and Mary will come to weep at the grave of a beloved brother. Here will your children scatter flowers upon your tomb. Here will they raise the testimonials of their affection. Here will they shed the tears of pious reverence for your memory.

How appropriate then that this sacred enclosure should harmonize with the subdued and hallowed feelings of the soul; that it should possess all those symbols and emblems which are calculated to inspire the mind with devotion, and lead the thoughts from earth to heaven; that all its surroundings and embellishments should be of such a character as to elevate the affections, and purify the heart, and prepare it for a higher and holier state of existence.

The flowers which decorate these graves shall fade away. The trees which adorn and beautify these grounds shall disappear. The monumental marble shall crumble into dust. These mouldering remains shall dissolve into their original elements. The sun shall grow dim with age, and the moon shall fail to give her light. These heavens and this earth shall pass away, but the soul, the immortal soul, shall exist beyond the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds.

If then there be an immortality beyond the grave, if the tomb be merely the threshold of eternity, what folly, what madness, to forget our destiny and banish from our minds the thoughts of death. To the skeptic the future is dark, gloomy and impenetrable. His vision is bounded by the circumference of this life. His hopes are based upon the perishing fabric of this world. His happiness is staked upon the fleeting pleasures, and momentary enjoyments of time.

But to the christian the future is radiant with joy. To him life and immortality are brought to light in the gospel. The tomb is the doorway through which he is ushered into a state of eternal glory. He is prepared to exclaim with the apostle, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory."

No sooner is his soul disencumbered of its tenement of clay than regenerated and sanctified, it springs at once into the enjoyment of everlasting happiness. He triumphs over the power and dominion of the grave. He rejoices with those who were once objects of his affection here on earth. Redeemed by the blood of Christ, and clothed in robes of righteousness, he forever inherits that abode where there is no more sorrow, and no more sickness, and no more tears, and no more death.

5. Music by the band.

6. Benediction by the mayor, Hon. G. A. Sutton, setting apart the ground for the burial of the dead.

7. Hymn, by the Choir.

(Words by Bishop Heber.)

Beneath our feet, and o'er our head  
Is equal warning given;  
Beneath us lie the countless dead,  
Above us is the heaven!

Their names are graven on the stones,  
Their bones are in the clay;  
And ere another day is done  
Ourselves may be as they.

Death rides on every passing breeze,  
And lurks in every flower;  
Each season has its own disease,  
Its perils every hour.

Our eyes have seen the rosy light  
Of youth's soft cheek decay,  
And fate descend in sudden night  
On manhood's middle day.

Our eyes have seen the steps of age  
Halt feebly towards the tomb,  
And yet shall earth our hearts engage,  
And dreams of joy to come!

Turn mortal, turn! thy danger know,  
Where'er thy foot can tread  
The earth rings hollow from below,  
And warns thee of her dead!

Turn Christian, turn! thy soul apply  
To truths divinely given,  
The bones that underneath thee lie  
Shall live for hell or heaven!

8. Benediction, by Rev. James Leaton, pastor of the first M. E. Church.

As from time to time we come hither in silence, wander about secure from intrusion, with memory of renewed hope, love and consolation, look upon and read the epitaphs hewn and deepened by "Old Mortality" on the tomb-

stones and monuments erected in memory of those who were once a part of us, and lived among us—we recall the beautiful language expressed by the poet:

“Stop passengers, until my life you read,”  
 The living may get knowledge from the dead?  
 Some in early infancy have died,  
 Some in their early youth and virgin’s life;  
 The statesmen and the patriarch,  
 The noble-hearted in their pride;  
 Some three, some four and more scores of years have lived,  
 Now weary of this toilsome and mortal life they rest;  
 Gone beyond the skyes, and there to be  
 With all the ransomed and the blessed.  
 Who, then, would dare to mock o’er these abodes,  
 When all must come to the same repose?

These grounds so dedicated should ever be held sacred to the repose of the dead, for all that is noble, all that is good in mankind pleads with reverence in behalf of the dead,—and humanity towards the living.

# OAK RIDGE CEMETERY.

## HISTORICAL.

It may be well to recall to memory the time when Springfield had two burial places within its corporate limits, one a piece of land containing in all about four acres, set apart by Major Elisha Iles, to be used for a burial place of the dead, which was commonly called the "Old City Graveyard." This ceased to be used any longer for that purpose in the year 1856, when the city council passed an ordinance forbidding the further burial therein, and the grounds reverted back to Mr. Iles. Later on Mr. E. Iles was prevailed upon by Dr. H. Wohlgemuth and Obed Lewis, Esq., members of the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, to bequeath this land, the "Old City Graveyard," to Oak Ridge Cemetery, conditional; that it be sold in the course of years and the money derived from such sale of the said land to be placed to the "Perpetual Care and Improvement Fund of Oak Ridge Cemetery." After a lapse of fifteen years it was purchased by the board of education of the city of Springfield for the sum of five thousand dollars. Upon the grounds so well adapted now stands erected our magnificent high school building. No money was required for the purchase of the ground, but it was an investment sought which realizes the Oak Ridge Cemetery an annual interest of \$300.00 for all time to come. The dead were all removed and reinterred in our beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The Hutchinson Cemetery, a private enterprise containing in all about six acres, and laying but a short distance west from what was formerly the "Old City Graveyard," was principally used for the burial of our dead up to the year 1866, when the further burial was forbidden by city ordinances. Inducements were held out by the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery to lot holders in the Hutchinson Cemetery, to exchange lots for burial lots in Oak Ridge Cemetery, met with great favor and the rapid removal of more than six hundred bodies was made, and re-interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. All of Mr. Hutchinson's interest in the said cemetery, such as unsold lots, walks and driveways, were purchased by the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery. The price paid in exchange by deed of lots and money paid to Mr. Hutchinson amounted to about six thousand dollars. The title of Hutchinson Cemetery rests in the city of Springfield, in trust of the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, H. Wohlgemuth, Obed Lewis, J. W. Patton, and other

members of the Board and their successors in office. The intention being that when the land be sold the money realized therefrom go to the "Perpetual Care and Improvement Fund of Oak Ridge Cemetery." "The title to the same is with the city of Springfield, but for a special purpose," and it should be carried out in good faith.

The two old grave yards then lay right in the center of our rapidly growing city; buildings were erected in every direction, the population kept on rapidly increasing, so that from a sanitary point of view alone these burial places did not only become unsightly and out of place, but it became a nuisance to the well being of its surroundings, hence the abatement.

Oak Ridge Cemetery soon was converted from a place of wilderness to that of a receptacle for our dead. Nature had done much, its hidden resources were brought to view; art, skill, foresight, thought and push did the rest. The Board of Managers soon met with encouragement, our people soon began to see and realize its necessity—they did no longer hesitate to bury their dead within its enclosure, and all that seemed to be obstacles in the way were overcome and today a generous public appreciates having a burial place acceptable to all—not only for the present generation but for generations to come. Its natural beauties, lay of grounds, its adaptability and advantages for a place of burial cannot be surpassed.

Improvements made, especially during the last few years, have been quite extensive, providing a good roadway by the paving of Monument Avenue which makes it possible to reach the cemetery at all seasons of the year; the constructing of a massive stone and iron gateway, the erecting of an artistic stone structure for Gate Keeper on the left. To the right within the entrance of the cemetery has been erected a new Cottage Building for residence of Superintendent, and other necessary buildings for stable and sheds have been built.

A massive stone structure has been built for the Superintendent with a fire and burglar proof vault, intended for the safe keeping of cemetery records, maps, papers, etc. The said building can also be used for a Chapel on funeral occasions. There has also been built a stone building for the safe keeping of tools and other cemetery appliances. The Receiving Tomb has been remodeled and is provided with a sufficient number of cribs for the accommodation of temporary keeping of remains. Many other improvements have been made all of a permanent nature; such as driveways, cement walks, the adding, platting, ornamenting and laying out additional grounds for places of burial has received due attention. Quite recently two new ornamental stone drinking fountains have been placed in position for the accommodation of all that are thirsty—together with the other numerous acquisitions fostered and cared for can be readily noticed by observant passers by, and it may well be said that Oak Ridge Cemetery of Springfield, Illinois, will compare favorably with any other cemetery in extent. After a lapse of about forty-five years since its first inception much has been accomplished with the money

resources and means at the disposal of the Board of Managers; the cemetery has been self-supporting, and the purchasing of additional acres of land, the laying out, grading, platting, draining, ornamenting—the erection of suitable buildings necessary for cemetery purposes are all of a well imposing and durable character. It has not only been a duty but a pleasure, especially to one of the Board of Managers—Dr. H. Wohlgemuth—the only surviving member of the Board of Managers of that early day; with only a few years of intermission he has served on the Board and has been its President almost continuously since the grounds were dedicated a place for the burial of our dead. And much credit is due to his fellow colleagues who have from time to time served on the Board with him, always with a degree of unanimity in bestowing a fostering care with but one object in view—to advance and further its best interests—in not only serving the dead but also please the living, and thus preserve in a manner becoming the sacred purposes for which it was and is intended.

Within its sacred enclosure there now lie reposing the earthly remains of our dear ones, friends and fellow mortals, pointing to the “Eternal Home,” with the admonishing sentiment, 14,153.

Long may this sacred enclosure be preserved undesecrated. Here may sorrow find solace in calm and undisturbed meditation, and the careworn, a sweetly soothing retreat. Here may the thoughtless learn the lesson of their own mortality, from the solemn yet impressive admonitions of the grave.





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## THE LINCOLN MONUMENT.

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### IN BRIEF.

To the southward in Oak Ridge Cemetery, upon a beautiful rising headland, stands the lofty granite obelisk, which is at once the resting place and monument of our lamented President, Abraham Lincoln. To this shrine of patriotism through all the circling centuries of the unseen future, pilgrims will come from every land, to do honor to the memory of one of the world's greatest benefactors.

Upon recommendation from the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, the grounds, eight acres, were given by the city of Springfield to the Lincoln Monument Association. As stipulated and subject to "An ordinance making a donation of a certain plat of ground in Oak Ridge Cemetery for the use of the Lincoln Monument Association; passed July 31, 1865; approved August 1, 1865." This contained six acres. Later on two more adjacent acres of grounds were added by ordinance passed October 15, 1877.

Funds having been contributed for the purpose, and plans perfected, the erection of the monument was commenced on the 9th day of September, 1869. The cap stone was placed in position on the 22d day of May, 1871, and it was dedicated on the 15th day of October, 1874, with appropriate and imposing ceremonies.

The erecting of the monument was done under the personal supervision of the executive committee, appointed by the board of directors of the Monument Association. The Hon. John T. Stuart, John Williams, Esq., and Jacob Bunn, Esq., who were lifelong and intimate friends of Mr. Lincoln.

The care of the monument remained with the gentlemen that constituted the Association, who after a lapse of years in service, most of them have succumbed to the summons of The Great Beyond, and their work ceased. The remaining members of the Lincoln Monument Association saw proper to dissolve, and pass the title with all of its belongings thereto to the State of Illinois. It was so accepted by an act of the Legislature at the closing session of 1898. So the State has now full charge of it and will provide for its future care. The act passed by the Legislature provides for an *ex officio* board of control, consisting of the Governor, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The monument was found faulty and insecure to permanently endure the ravages of time. On a personal inspection made by the late Governor John R. Tanner, in company with the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, the mayor, members of the city council, gentlemen of the press and others on a visit to Oak Ridge Cemetery, the Governor's attention was called to the condition of the monument. It was seen that there was no time for delay and that immediate attention should be called to the condition it was in, and the Governor did not fail, but urgently recommended to the Legislature, who were soon to meet in session, that an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars be made for the taking down and the rebuilding of the Lincoln Monument; which was carried, and the fulfillment of said act was promptly undertaken, and the contract let to the "Culver Construction Company of Springfield, Illinois."

The giving away of the structure was found to be attributable to the foundation which was but six feet deep, not of sufficient depth to carry the weight resting upon it. In its rebuilding the old foundation was entirely removed and a new foundation built to the depth of twenty-three feet, resting upon stone shale. In its reconstruction no material changes in its former design have been made, except that the shaft has been raised twenty-one feet and nine inches higher than it was formerly, which makes it look more imposing and greatly adds to its beauty. Furthermore, the structure now resting upon a solid foundation, no slighting of workmanship, deficiencies made good, all is creditably done, and a prediction may be ventured that it will stand for ages to come as a fitting memorial of the great and good man, whose mortal remains it encloses, and whose fame it serves to perpetuate.

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Permission having been granted by Colonel J. S. Culver, of the "Culver Construction Company," Springfield, Illinois, to embody in this little volume some correspondence had between him and the Honorable Robert Lincoln, in regard to the final resting place of his much lamented father, Abraham Lincoln. It may be pardonable to make known the Lincoln Monument, which quite recently has been rebuilt and now brought to completion, the mortal remains of Abraham Lincoln safely and finally placed in his grave, and there to lie till the resurrection day shall come.

The correspondence is as follows, and ought to fully explain to the satisfaction of all the people, that they fully understand and no longer question its truthfulness:

September 2, 1901.

*Mr. Robert Lincoln, Pullman Building, Chicago, Illinois.*

DEAR SIR:—I enclose you blue print of elevation of crypts in the National Lincoln Monument, on which I have marked in red ink the bodies deposited in each. You will note that your son, Abraham, is on the extreme right, next to him on the right is Thomas (or Tad), next to this the right center one is empty; on the extreme left is Eddie, next Willie, and next Mrs. Lincoln on the left center.

In the construction of the concrete vault which we are now beginning under the floor of the catacomb, it is necessary to remove the sarcophagus in the catacomb and as a precautionary matter it is my desire that the cedar casket containing Mr. Lincoln's body be placed in the crypt now marked empty until such time as it is finally deposited in the concrete. At the time this is done, if you approve it, believing in this I carry out your desires in the matter, but want your approval in advance, I will remove the casket of Willie, viz.: the second from the left (they have heretofore always been in the same crypt), then remove Thomas' casket to the extreme left, now occupied by Eddie's, this leaving empty the right center crypt next to Mrs. Lincoln and the next crypt on the right, next to your son's, Abraham. This providing for all of Mr. Lincoln's family and leaving two crypts empty, these two being the ones between Mrs. Lincoln and your son's, Abraham. If you approve of this arrangement, we will make the transfers at the time Mr. Lincoln's casket will be placed in the concrete and then permanently sealing all these crypts except the two that will remain empty. These will be closed temporarily, only. The suggestions are offered with blue prints for your information in regard to the present arrangement and with a view of arranging these crypts permanently as you desire, and as the writer understands from his last conference with you that you would probably want them.

In the belief that I fully understand your ideas in the matter of the concrete vault, as the detail drawings are very plain, I will spare no expense or pains in making it all that you anticipate or all that it should be, and assuring you of my readiness to (if you desire it) go to Chicago to see you at any time and discuss any detail, should there be anything about which you do not care to write.

I am truly and sincerely yours,

In answer to this letter Mr. Culver received reply:

Enroute BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1901.

*Col. J. S. Culver, Culver Construction Co., Springfield, Ills.*

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of Sept. 7th has reached me while traveling, and I hasten to thank you for your very clear explanation, and to say that the course you propose in it entirely meets my approval, and I beg that it will be carried out as you have arranged.

Thanking you for your personal attention to this, I am

Very truly yours,

ROBERT LINCOLN.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 8, 1901.

## MONUMENTS.

Citizens of Athens gloried in the graves of the companions of Miltiades, at Marathon, and the Spartans pointed with pride to the tomb-stones of Thermopylæ. Those memorials erected to the memory of the departed, were executed in the most costly manner, and reflected at once, the sentiments of the Living, and the character of the dead, in the highest triumphs of Grecian art.

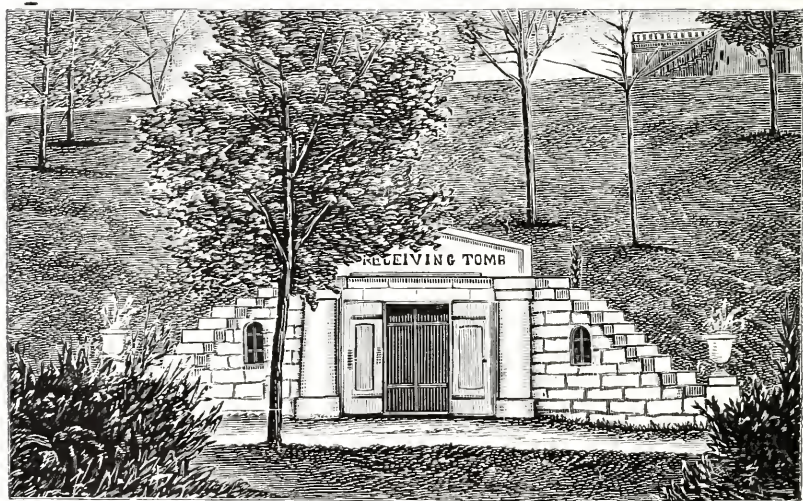
The sepulchres of the ancient Romans were likewise, many of them, magnificent works of art, which still stand as illustrations of the reverence with which they sought to preserve, alike the memories and the ashes, of their heroes, and poets, their statesmen, and philosophers.

The permanence of sepulchral architecture is an object so desirable as to entitle it to special attention. The dilapidation and disfigurement of structures reared for the dead, have been too common to excite surprise, but can never be witnessed without pain. Owing to numerous causes of decay and displacement, which are ever in action, it should be made a primary consideration to guard against them. Respect for the dead, respect for ourselves, and a just regard for the taste and feelings of all, whom either affection or curiosity may attract to the cemetery, demand so much, at least, of those who shall make improvements in Oak Ridge. This is a matter in which all are interested, for whatever the precaution and care used by some, if others, through inattention, suffer their grounds and monuments to become neglected, painful contrasts will soon offend the eye, and the entire grounds will suffer a serious injury.

It is not possible wholly to prevent the effect of atmospheric influences, but proper care in the erection of monuments will greatly counteract and long retard the footsteps of decay.

Monuments teach us lessons of most profound and solemn import. They serve to perpetuate the recollection of kindly sympathies and tender affections, as well as deeds of valor, and the records of human greatness.





RECEIVING TOMB.

### **Receiving Tomb.**

Oak Ridge Cemetery receiving tomb in which were laid the remains of our most illustrious dead Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States who fell at the hands of the assassin and died April 15, 1865, whose mortal remains were brought hither. Agreeable to the expressed desire of Mrs. Lincoln, the casket containing his remains was, on the 4th day of May, 1865, placed in the Oak Ridge Cemetery receiving tomb. It is located at the foot of a gentle sloping hill, but a short distance to the north of the Monument—although somewhat changed in its interior design and construction it will remain, and from its sacred associations will as long as it stands continue to be an object of interest to every visitor.

### Temporary Tomb.

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln Monument Association, comprised of fifteen of the most prominent citizens of Springfield. It was duly organized by the election of—

Governor, Richard J. Oglesby, *President*.

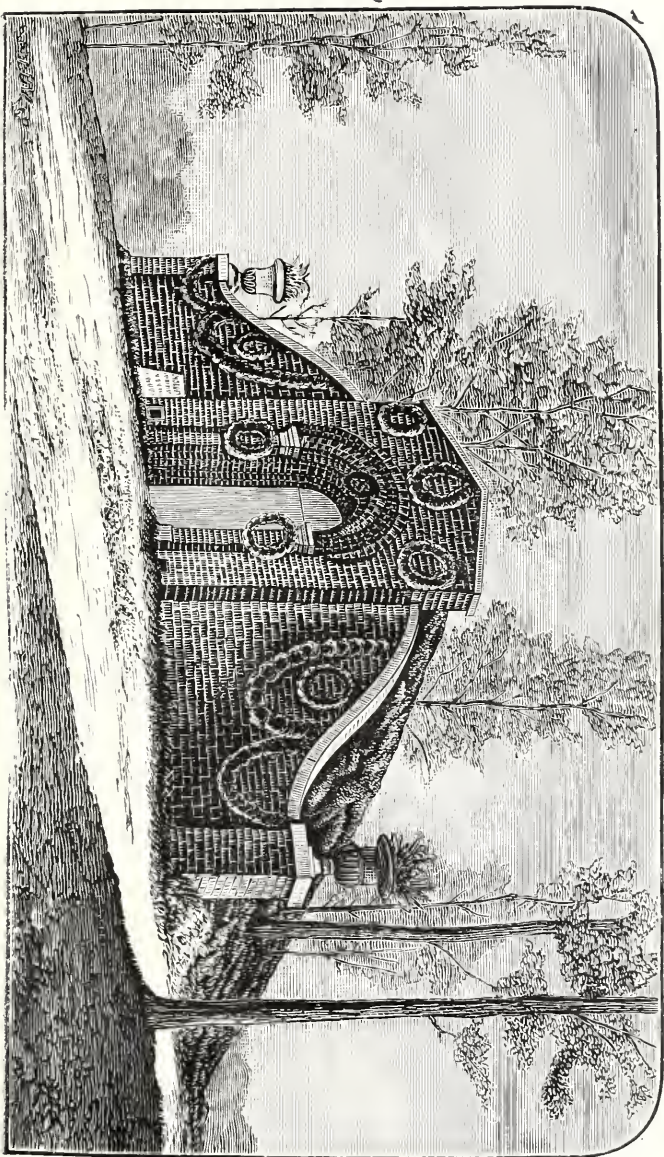
Hon. Jesse K. Dubois, *Vice-President*.

Clinton L. Conkling, Esq., *Secretary*.

Hon. James A. Beveridge, *Treasurer*.

In June, 1865, steps were taken towards the construction of a temporary tomb, in which to deposit the remains of President Lincoln until the proposed Monument should be erected. The temporary tomb, which stood ten or twelve rods to the northeast of the site of the Monument, was completed in 1865, and the casket containing the remains removed thereto, under the supervision of the Monument Association, by Thomas C. Smith, Esq., undertaker, on the 21st day of December.

The cut, which our engraver has made from a photograph, is an excellent representation of this tomb, as it stood for nearly six years, until the second removal of the casket was made, as before, under the direction of the Monument Association, by Thomas C. Smith, Esq., to the crypt of the Monument, on the 19th day of September, 1871. In grading the ground, this tomb having served its purpose, was soon afterwards demolished.



LINCOLN'S TEMPORARY TOMB.



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THE BISSELL MONUMENT.

### **Bissell Monument.**

Next after the Lincoln Monument, as a conspicuous ornament to Oak Ridge, is that erected to the memory of Governor William H. Bissell. Situated on Block 12, in the eastern part of the cemetery, this most elaborate monument stands upon a limestone base seven feet square, and is twenty-one feet in height. It is constructed of Italian marble, and is surmounted by an eagle holding a copper scroll in its beak. Governor Bissell having died in office in 1860, his remains were interred in Hutchinson's Cemetery, as Oak Ridge was at that time still almost in a state of nature.

The Legislature of Illinois in 1867, with honorable remembrance of his distinguished services, appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument. The money was expended and the monument erected in 1868, under the supervision of Hon. O. M. Hatch, who was Secretary of State, and Hon. Jesse K. DuBois, who was State Auditor, during the administration of Governor Bissell. On the 30th day of May, 1871, the remains of the Governor, as also those of his wife who was interred by his side in Hutchinson's Cemetery, were removed to Oak Ridge, and re-interred at the foot of the monument. Upon the eastern side is the following inscription:

WILLIAM H. BISSELL,

10th Governor of the

State of Illinois

Born April 25, 1811,

Died in office

March 18, 1860,

### **Wohlgemuth Monument.**

This is one of the most elaborate and beautiful monuments erected within the cemetery grounds. It was designed by Dr. H. Wohlgemuth, and erected in 1873, to the memory of his daughter, Marietta, who died at the age of 22 years and 10 months, in 1872. It was executed by G. Leslie Jamieson, of Aberdeen, Scotland, and the statue of Hope, in Carara marble, by which it is surmounted, was executed in Italy. The engraving gives an excellent view from the western perspective. The base is of red Missouri granite, the second base of gray Scotch, and the plinth and column of red Scotch granite. Its cost was \$2,150. The total height is twenty-one feet ten inches, and standing upon a beautiful elevation, near the center of the grounds, it is a most beautiful and appropriate memorial.

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Honorable John R. Tanner, late Governor of this great commonwealth, the State of Illinois, who served his country and nation in more capacities than one; a soldier during the late war, a fellow-citizen and statesman of worth, who died in the prime of manhood May 23, 1901, at the age of 57 years, now lies buried in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, beneath the shadows of night and whispering winds wafting through the bough of trees, awaiting the song of birds when spring-time cometh, in close sight of the towering shaft of our immortal Lincoln, which overshadows all that sleep within the enclosure of Oak Ridge. Here, too, over the remains of John R. Tanner, will be erected a stately and graceful monument by his fellow statesmen, friends and neighbors, that will adorn his resting place, and perpetuate his memory.



WOHLGEMUTH MONUMENT.





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THE MCCLERNAND MONUMENT.

### **McClernand Monument.**

General John A. McClernand, who died on the 20th day of September, 1900, at the ripe age of 88 years, after a well-spent life and an illustrious career,—a scholar, eminent jurist, a statesman who represented the State of Illinois in the halls of Congress, a soldier on the fields of battle for the preservation of our country's flag, now lies sleeping among his fellow comrades, and others, waiting for the last bugle sound, in Oak Ridge Cemetery, to answer the muster-roll in the great beyond.

### **Edwards Monument.**

Ninian Edwards was a native of Maryland. He emigrated in early life to Kentucky, where he soon became eminent as a distinguished jurist, and was promoted to that of Chief Justice of Kentucky. Resigning his position, he entered upon the duties of the governorship of the new territory of Illinois, to which he was appointed by President Madison, from 1809 to 1818, when Illinois was admitted into the Union as a State. Mr. Edwards was United States senator from 1818 to 1824, and Governor of the State of Illinois from 1826 to 1830. Died July 20, 1833, in the 59th year of his age. He died in Belleville, Illinois, the place of his residence and was buried there. Later his remains were removed to Springfield, and interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery, as is shown by the monument which graces his grave, located in one of the most beautiful spots of the grounds.



THE EDWARDS MONUMENT.





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## CITY CHARTER.

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### FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the City of Springfield. Approved February 18, 1859.

SECTION 14. OAK RIDGE CEMETERY—Lots number five, six, and the south half of lot number four, of the subdivision of the east half, of the northeast quarter of\* *section number twenty-one, in township number sixteen north of range number five west, of the third principal meridian, containing twenty-eight and four-sevenths acres,* and purchased by said city for cemetery purposes, is hereby established and set apart for the burial of the dead, and shall be known as Oak Ridge Cemetery.

§ 15. LAYING OUT, ETC.—SELLING LOTS—The City Council of said city shall cause the grounds of said cemetery, to be subdivided and laid out into such divisions, blocks, squares or lots, with suitable avenues, walks and alleys, designated or numbered in such manner as may be deemed expedient; and shall cause a correct map or plat thereof to be made out and acknowledged by the Mayor and City Clerk of said city, under the corporate seal thereof, and filed and carefully preserved in the office of the City Clerk, and a true copy thereof shall be entered and recorded in the records of said cemetery, in his office; and the entry of the said map or plat upon the records of said cemetery, in the office of the City Clerk, shall be sufficient without further record thereof; and all sales, conveyances or transfers of lots in said cemetery, by reference to said map or plat, shall be good and valid.

§ 16. TRANSFERRING LOTS—The conveyance or transfer of lots in said cemetery from the city to purchasers, may be by deed or certificate, in such form as the City Council may prescribe, signed by

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\*The law was amended on the 16th of February, 1865, by an act reading as follows: "The 14th section of an act to amend the charter of the city of Springfield, approved February 18, 1859, is so amended as to read: *Sections twenty-one and twenty-two, in township sixteen north, of range five west of the third principal meridian, or so much thereof as may be necessary for burying purposes;* also to empower the board of managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery to declare nuisances within one-half mile of said cemetery, and to empower the City Council of said city, by ordinance, to impose a fine or penalty on those who do not, after notice given, remove any declared nuisance by said board of managers." [See Private Laws of 1865.]

the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal without acknowledgment; and such deed or certificate shall vest the title to the lots so conveyed or transferred in the purchaser, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, for burial purposes only, subject to such reasonable conditions, rules and regulations as the City Council of said city may prescribe. The conveyance and transfer of lots in said cemetery from one purchaser to another, may be by surrender of the original deed or certificate to the City Clerk, and the City Clerk; upon such surrender being made, shall make out and execute a new deed or certificate to the assignee, and such deed or certificate shall vest the title of the lot so conveyed or transferred in the grantee, in the same manner as the same was vested in the original purchaser. But the City Council may, in its discretion, prescribe the manner and form of conveying and transferring lots in said cemetery.

§ 17. CEMETERY RECORD—The City Clerk shall keep a cemetery record, in such manner as the City Council may prescribe, in which he shall enter an abstract of all sales of lots in the cemetery, specifying the number of the lot sold or transferred, the name of the purchaser or assignee, the amount paid, and the date of the deed or certificate of sale, or transfer.

§ 18. LOTS—HOW HELD—USED ONLY, ETC.—SEXTON—No lot in said cemetery shall be sold, conveyed or transferred, to be owned in severalty by two or more persons; but any lot may be owned by two or more persons as tenants in common. And neither the city nor owners of lots in said cemetery, shall convey, transfer, appropriate or use any lot, or other part of said cemetery grounds, for other than cemetery and burial purposes, except that a portion of said grounds, not exceeding three acres, may be appropriated for the use of the City Sexton, residing at the cemetery.

§ 19. NO ROAD OVER CEMETERY—No public road or highway shall be located, or laid out, through, over or upon said cemetery grounds, nor shall any part of said grounds be taken or condemned for any public use or purpose whatever, other than cemetery or burial purposes.

§ 20. CEMETERY RECORDS—The records of the said cemetery, kept in the office of the City Clerk, shall be evidence of the facts therein stated, in all courts, and places.

§ 21. ADDITIONAL RULES, ETC.—The City Council may, by ordinance, prescribe such additional rules and regulations concerning said cemetery as may be deemed expedient.



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## City Ordinances, Cemeteries and Interments.

### OAK RIDGE CEMETERY.

1. Sec. 296. No cemetery or burying ground shall hereafter be established within the corporate limits of the City of Springfield, or within one mile thereof; nor shall any cemetery or burying ground heretofore established within said city be extended or enlarged, or used for burial purposes, under a penalty, in each and every case, of not less than one hundred dollars; and any cemetery so established, extended or enlarged, is hereby declared a nuisance.

2. Sec. 298. Whoever shall hunt, discharge fire-arms, set off or explode fire-works, or otherwise trespass upon any cemetery, or burying ground within the City of Springfield, or within or under the jurisdiction of the City Council of said city, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense.

3. Sec. 299. Whoever shall remove or carry away, or shall wilfully, maliciously or negligently break, deface, destroy, or otherwise injure any monument, tombstone, tree, shrub, plant, vase, railing, fence, gate, or any other property, articles or thing belonging to, or placed or erected in, the cemetery known as Oak Ridge Cemetery, or belonging to, placed or erected in any cemetery or burying ground within said city, or within the jurisdiction of the City Council thereof; or whoever shall pluck any flowers therein, or trespass upon or maltreat any grave therein, or violate any of the established rules and regulations for the government of such cemetery, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars nor exceeding one hundred dollars for each and every offense; and shall also be liable, in a separate suit, for the cost and expense of repairing any injury or damage so done or committed.

4. Sec. 301. The Superintendent or other person in charge or control of the cemetery, now or hereafter to be established and maintained, within or under the jurisdiction of the City Council of said city, shall on or before the first Monday in each month, make out and furnish to the City Clerk a statement in writing, showing the number of interments made in such cemetery during the preceding month, with the name, sex and color of each person so interred, the date of the death, and, when practicable, and can be ascertained, the age, occupation, nativity and residence of the deceased: And any

Superintendent or other such person neglecting or refusing to comply with the requirements of this section, shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for every such neglect or refusal.

5. Sec. 302. No burial or interment of any person shall take place in and from the City of Springfield, nor the dead body of any person be removed from said city, without a permit for such burial or removal shall have been first procured from the City Clerk, in the manner hereinafter provided.

6. Sec. 303. Any person applying for a burial permit shall file with the City Clerk of said city a certificate, in writing, signed by the attending physician, or coronor in the case, stating the name, age, sex, nativity, residence and occupation of the deceased, if known, and the cause or manner of the death; and in case of any death where there has been no attending physician or coronor, the certificate shall be signed by the parent of the deceased; or, if none, by some member of the family not a minor; or, if none, by the resident householder where the death shall occur; or, if none, by any reputable citizen acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the death. Upon the filing of such certificate, the clerk shall issue a burial certificate to the applicant thereof, but under no other circumstances whatever.

7. Sec. 304. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to enter in a suitable book, to be kept in his office for the purpose, a record of all permits so issued, by specifying the date of issue, and to whom issued, together with all the items of information contained in the certificates upon which such permits were issued. He shall on the first Monday in each month submit to the City Council a report, in writing, stating the number of burial permits issued, the number of interments in each cemetery, with the cause of death, and such other facts as may be of public interest or benefit; and he shall, at the same time, forward to the County Clerk of Sangamon county a copy or transcript of all said certificates received by him during the preceding month.

8. Sec. 305. Any undertaker, Superintendent or other person, engaged or concerned in any burial or interment in violation of the provisions of this article; or who shall forge the name of any physician, coroner or clerk to a certificate of death or a burial permit, and the officers or employés of any transportation company, or any other person or persons engaged in the removal of any dead body from said city, contrary to the provisions hereof, shall, on conviction, be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS—MANNER OF APPOINTMENT—BOARD HAVE CONTROL OF THE CEMETERY.

§ 3. BOARD OF MANAGERS—MANNER OF APPOINTING—The Mayor shall annually appoint, by and with the consent of a majority of the members elected to the City Council, five persons who are lot owners in said cemetery, and are citizens and legal voters of this city,

who shall be called "The Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery," and shall hold their positions for one year, and until their successors are duly appointed.

§ 4. MEETING OF BOARD—MANNER OF DOING BUSINESS—The members of the Board of Managers, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take and subscribe before some officer authorized to administer the same, an oath that they will faithfully execute and discharge the duties required of them, and shall file such oath, duly certified by the officer before whom the same was taken, with the City Clerk. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and they may hold general or special meetings at the office of the City Clerk, at such times as they may by order direct; and they may make and establish such reasonable by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be necessary for their own government, and for the full and complete execution of their powers and duties. The Board of Managers may appoint one of their number chairman, and another secretary of the Board, and such secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board, in a suitable book, to be provided by the city for that purpose, and he shall carefully file and preserve all papers, vouchers, and records pertaining to the transactions of the Board.

§ 5. BOARD TO HAVE CONTROL OF CEMETERY—The Board of Managers shall have the control, superintendence and charge of said cemetery and its appurtenances, and shall supervise and direct the ornamenting, adorning, embellishing, laying out and improving the grounds of said cemetery, and the avenues, walks and squares therein, and may cause to be erected or provided all such buildings, vaults, or other fixtures, as may be necessary and proper for the convenient use of said cemetery, and for that purpose may employ such laborers or workmen, and purchase or contract for such materials as they may deem necessary. But no member of the Board shall be a contractor for, or interested in any contract for work upon said cemetery, or in the furnishing of labor or materials for said cemetery.

MANNER OF EXPENDING RECEIPTS—All receipts on account of said cemetery, whether arising from the sale of lots therein, from donations, or from appropriations from the city treasury, or otherwise, shall be exclusively expended and applied under the direction and control of the Board of Managers, in preserving, protecting, ornamenting, improving and laying out the grounds of said cemetery, and the avenues, walks and public squares therein. But the Board of Managers shall not expend the moneys belonging to the cemetery fund, in advance of the receipts thereof, nor incur any debts on account of said cemetery, without the prior consent of the City Council.

APPRAISAL OF LOTS—The Board of Managers shall appraise the squares or lots which may remain unsold in said cemetery, and shall, from time to time, when deemed expedient, reappraise such squares or lots as may remain unsold.

**APPLICATION FOR LOTS, ETC.**—All applications for the purchase of cemetery lots, or graves, shall be made to the Board of Managers, or the Superintendent at the cemetery. Upon the purchase of any square, lot or grave, the person purchasing shall report to the City Clerk, who shall report to the City Treasurer, who shall give him an order on the City Treasurer to receive the amount for which such square or part of square, lot or grave may be sold, being not less than the appraised value thereof, and upon payment being made, and the filing of the Treasurer's receipt thereof with the Clerk, he shall make the proper entry of the sale on the record, and deliver to the purchaser a deed for the ground so sold, signed by the Mayor, and countersigned by the Clerk under the corporate seal.

#### OAK RIDGE CEMETERY DEED.

The City of Springfield, in consideration of ——— dollars, paid by ———, in conformity with the provisions of the Ordinances of the City, establishing Oak Ridge Cemetery, hereby sells and conveys unto the said ——— the ——— of square numbered ———, in division numbered ———, in Oak Ridge Cemetery, as platted and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon county, Illinois, and in the office of the City Clerk of said City.

To have and to hold the same with its appurtenances, unto the said ———, ——— heirs and assigns, forever, for a place of burial, and for no other use or purpose whatever. Conditioned, nevertheless, that no transfer of any square or lot, or any interest therein, shall be valid until approved by the Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, and subject also to such general rules and regulations as the City Council of said city, and the Board of Managers of said cemetery may from time to time establish; and the City of Springfield hereby covenants with the said ———, ——— heirs and assigns, that Oak Ridge Cemetery, as platted and recorded as aforesaid, shall be forever kept and preserved as a place of burial for the dead of said city.

In testimony whereof, I, ———, Mayor of said City of Springfield, have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of said city to be affixed, this ——— day of ———, A. D. 19——.

—————, *Mayor.*

Countersigned:

—————, *City Clerk.*

§ 2. The Clerk and Treasurer shall each keep a cemetery account in which all moneys received shall be charged, and they shall report at the regular meetings of the Council, a statement, in brief, of receipts and payments.

#### RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD.

1. The Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery will meet in regular session on the first Monday of each and every month, 10 o'clock, a. m., this being the usual hour for meeting, to attend to and

transact such business as may come before them, receive Superintendent's reports, or other communications or recommendations that may require attention.

2. The Board of Managers consists of five members who are to be citizens and lot-holders in Oak Ridge Cemetery. They are appointed annually by the Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council, and the Board so selected shall hold their office until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualified.

3. The Board of Managers shall, upon convening, elect one of their number President of the Board, whose duty it shall be to preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board, and he be clothed with all the authority becoming that office. All accounts, bills, or claims, against Oak Ridge Cemetery, having been brought before the Board in regular meeting, duly approved, adjusted and ordered paid, when properly signed, and bearing the signature of the President, shall be executed by the proper qualified officers of the city and record kept of the same as provided by city ordinances.

4. The Board of Managers, as provided by city ordinances, may select one of their own number to act as Secretary of the Board. This has generally been waived, and the Board elects the City Clerk an *ex-officio* member of the Board to act as their Secretary, to make and keep record of all their proceedings, and allow him a reasonable salary for his services.

5. The Board of Managers shall, annually, at the regular meeting in the month of April, select and recommend to the Mayor, a suitable and competent person to fill the position of Superintendent for the cemetery, for the ensuing year, who shall hold his office for one year, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

6. The Board of Managers will be guided in all of their business meetings by the usual parliamentary rules, and a proper observance of city ordinances in relation to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

## Synopsis of Rules and Regulations.

### SALE OF LOTS.

1. Application for lots must be made to the Superintendent of the Cemetery, who resides with his family upon the grounds, and who will, at all reasonable times, take pleasure to assist in selecting and give other necessary information.

2. The prices of lots or grounds vary according to locality, ranging from 35, 45 to 75 cents and one dollar, per square foot, and upward, when by agreement a certain per cent of the purchase money is set apart for perpetual care fund.

3. Upon the purchase of a lot or grounds, the amount thereof must be paid to the City Clerk, and a deed obtained from the City before any interment will be made.

4. When in the opinion of the Superintendent a lot containing 360 square feet can be sub-divided a separate certificate for such part of lot containing not less than 180 square feet may be issued: *Provided*, that this shall not apply to lots which the managers have directed to be sold as a whole.

5. Lot owners are not allowed to have interments made in their lots for remuneration, nor shall any transfer or assignment of any lot or any interest therein be valid unless approved by the Board of Managers so that proper record may be made of the same.

6. The owner of a right of burial in a lot of the description and dimensions required by deed obtained from the City may re-sell to the Board of Managers and they be authorized to purchase such lots or part of lot, at a price which may be agreed upon, and all such transfers accompanied with the proper vouchers shall be reported by the Secretary of the Board of Managers at their next regular meeting.

7. Should the owner possessed of the right of burial in any lot wish to exchange, or buy such right in a more valuable lot in the cemetery, the bodies may be removed thereto from the old lot in accordance with the regulations, and the right in the old may be taken by the Board of Managers of the Cemetery in part exchange.

8. Should any person who has purchased a single grave wish at any time thereafter to purchase a lot, the remains will be removed, if so desired, from such grave to the lot purchased for re-interment, and the usual charges for same required; and vacated grave reverting back to the cemetery for the removal of the remains.

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9. The Board of Managers have no desire to interfere with the taste of individuals in regard to the style of improvements but in justice to the interests of all, they reserve to themselves the right of preventing or removing any erection or enclosure which they shall consider injurious to the immediate locality, prejudicial to the general good appearance of the grounds, or which shall in the judgment of the Superintendent prevent the easy and proper care of graves or lots, and also of removing or pruning any tree or shrub which may obstruct or mar the effect and beauty of its surroundings.

10. The proper grading of all lots and improvement of the grounds will be determined by the Board of Managers.

11. Persons who make improvements upon their lots after they are graded will be charged the cost of changing or again putting them in order.

12. Persons wishing to have re-shaping or re-sodding of graves done on their lots after the first year from date of interment, or watering and taking care of lots, vases, flowers, plants, etc., will leave orders with the Superintendent who will furnish estimate of cost at schedule prices which must be paid for when so ordered.

13. Fence, hedge, stone coping or other enclosures around burial lots are considered unsightly incumbrances and are therefore prohibited. If stone copings are desirable on burial lots for the protection thereof at the foot of deep slopes or terraces, bends or curves, permission must first be obtained on application to the Board of Managers at their regular meetings.

14. Boxes, shells, toys, or such like articles placed upon graves, unpainted or broken benches, seats, and old neglected vases, are cumbersome, unsightly in lots and lawns, and inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds, and will be removed. No iron or wire work of any description trailing the making of flower beds upon lots or graves will be allowed without permission from the Board of Managers.

15. The grass will be cut on all lots and graves in proper season and will have ordinary care without expense to the lot holder.

16. Graves will be sodded in the first instance from time of burial for the first year without charge, but for every subsequent sodding a charge will be made of \$2.00 for each adult grave, and \$1.00 for each child's grave, except in lots "Special Care" which includes all necessary sodding.

17. Mounds on graves will be made (where desired at all) not exceeding four inches in height. It is earnestly recommended, as is now the custom in most well regulated cemeteries, that the graves be left entirely level.

#### SPECIAL CARE OF LOTS.

18. The Managers of the Cemetery will render special services on lots in any part of the cemetery, which will include planting, watering and care of flowers; fertilizing, seeding and cutting grass; filling

and re-sodding graves, and other necessary work of like character, when authorized and paid for by lot holder according to schedule of prices.

19. The special service will begin on the first day of April each year, and continue during the current year till the setting in of winter, unless discontinued by request or non-payment for care and services rendered.

20. The charges will be according to size of lot, number of square feet it contains and amount of work required.

#### PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS.

21. The Management of Oak Ridge Cemetery have instituted a perpetual lot owner's care and improvement fund, organized for the express purpose of receiving funds, the income to be used for protecting, preserving and ornamenting the grounds of Oak Ridge Cemetery. The Board of Managers holding that the City of Springfield is duly authorized by "An act to amend the Charter of the City of Springfield, Approved February 18, 1859," in relation to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Believing that all are deeply interested in making some arrangement for the perpetual care of lots and graves of departed ones, it affords the Managers special pleasure in calling attention to the following Ordinance and form of agreement made. A number of parties deceased have kindly remembered Oak Ridge Cemetery by bequest in their last will and testament and about \$10,000 has been contributed to this *Perpetual Care Fund*:

22.

#### AN ORDINANCE

*To Establish a Lot Owner's Permanent Care and Improvement Fund. Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Springfield:*

SECTION 1. Supplementary to the ordinances governing Oak Ridge Cemetery. The Board of Managers and their successors in office duly appointed and qualified are hereby authorized and empowered to receive in trust from the proprietor or parties of a cemetery lot, or ground, any sum of money, by bequest, of no less denomination than one hundred dollars (\$100) and upwards, according to the number of square feet contained in such lot or ground, and invest the same as herein provided, and apply the income thereof perpetually for the care of such lot, the grass, graves, and trees, according to the terms and form of trust, as follows:

All money so received shall collectively be kept and set apart by the Board of Managers as a "Lot owner's perpetual care and improvement fund."

Sec. 2. The Board of Managers shall invest the said funds in bonds of the United States, bonds of Sangamon County, the City of Springfield, or other good bonds or securities, with interest accruing and payable semi-annually or annually. The said bonds or securities

so purchased shall be at once deposited in the custody of the Comptroller of the City of Springfield, the Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery taking receipt for the same, and place the same on file together with other papers and records of the cemetery, the said bonds or other securities having been first plainly endorsed as belonging to the Oak Ridge Cemetery lot owner's perpetual care and improvement fund, and shall be accounted for to their successors in office from time to time, and held in trust forever for the purposes specified and no other.

Sec. 3. Donations of any amount will be received and set apart as a "special fund" for the improvement and the general taking care of the cemetery, and such sum shall be likewise invested and shall not be used for any other purpose.

Sec. 4. The principal sum paid for the care of any lot shall, as soon as sufficient amount has accumulated, be invested. A *pro rata* part of the yearly income of said aggregate fund shall be credited to such lot, and a special book and account of said trust fund kept by the Secretary of the Board of Managers. A list of all such lots shall be kept by the Superintendent, and it shall be his duty to report from time to time to the Board of Managers, in writing, the condition of each or any lot needing or requiring attention.

The reparation of monuments, vaults, and other structures, on a lot, can be provided for only by special contract in each case, with the Board of Managers.

#### FORM OF AGREEMENT TO DONOR.

This agreement, made this — day of —, A. D. 19—, between — of the one part, and the Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery for and in behalf of the City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois.

WITNESSETH, That the — — — — deposited with the Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery, — dollars, in consideration of which the Board of Managers, and their successors in office, do hereby agree to receive and hold the said sum in trust forever, and invest the same, with other funds of like character, and apply the income therefrom from time to time, to the care of graves, grass, and the preservation of trees and shrubs upon or in lot No. —, on block No. —, in the said Oak Ridge Cemetery, and the surplus, if any, at the end of each year, is to remain as a sinking fund, and be not used for any other purpose but the taking care of the said lot and cemetery grounds.

*Provided, however,* That the said Board of Managers shall never be held responsible for their conduct in the discharge of such trust except for good faith, and such reasonable diligence as may be required of mere gratuitous agents. Furthermore, the funds so received, shall when properly invested be deposited with the proper officers of the city of Springfield, and shall be held by them and their successors in office in trust perpetually.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The President of the Board of Managers of said cemetery, together with the corporate seal and signature of the Mayor and City Clerk of the city of Springfield, Ill., have hereunto affixed their signature, this the 8th day of April, A. D. 1895.

HENRY WOHLGEMUTH,  
*President Board of Managers Oak Ridge Cemetery.*

FRANK KRAMER,  
*Mayor.*

FRANK E. WILLIAMS,  
*City Clerk.*

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#### SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR LOTS.

23. The following schedule shows about the respective sum necessary at the present rate of interest that prevails; an income for perpetual care of lots and graves thereon. (For repairs of monuments and purchase of flowers when desired, an additional sum must be provided.)

#### SCHEDULE.

24. Usual size of lot, 360 square feet, \$350.00; 700 square feet, \$500.00; 1,000 square feet, \$600.00; and so in proportion, but any amount not less than \$100.00 will be welcome and properly applied for the purpose intended.

#### TARIFF OF PRICES FOR LOTS.

25. For lots fronting on grass walks, 35 cents; for lots fronting on avenues, 45 cents; for choice lots, 75 cents; for extra choice lots, \$1.00 to \$1.50. *per sq. foot.*

#### SINGLE GRAVES.

26. Certain portions of the cemetery have been set apart for single graves, all of which received the same care and attention as any other part of the grounds. In these sections there can be no choice of location, as the spaces are filled in regular order. All graves in such section will be distinctly marked at the foot with a suitable marker furnished and a register kept by the cemetery for all future time.

#### SCHEDULE OF GRAVES.

27. Each grave under 4 feet in length, \$8.00; each grave from 4 to 5 feet in length, \$9.00; each grave 5 feet and over in length, \$10.00.

#### RE-OPENING SINGLE GRAVE OR GRAVES.

28. Grave for adult, \$7.00; grave for child, \$5.00.

## INDIGENT POOR.

29. Graves of all sizes, when accompanied by county order, \$5.00.

## FOR OPENING GRAVES ON PRIVATE LOTS.

30. Grave under 4 feet in length, \$4.00; grave from 4 to 5 feet in length, \$4.50; grave 5 feet in length, \$5.00; grave 5 feet and over in length, \$6.00. Re-opening graves on lots, same as above. (The foregoing tariff of prices is subject to change by the Board of Managers at any time.

31. The City Clerk, who is also Secretary of the Board of Managers by appointment, or Superintendent of the cemetery, will issue a receipt in the name of the member of the family or friend of the deceased, for whom the application for the purchase of the grave is made, which will give him or her control of the grave, subject only to the rules and regulations of the cemetery; the price (which includes the cost of interment) to be paid in advance.

## MONUMENTS AND GRAVE STONES.

32. Application to erect or remove monuments and grave stones must be made to the Board of Managers, or to the Superintendent, and in no instance shall any work be allowed until a permit is issued by the Superintendent.

33. All monuments, tablets, headstones and markers must be put up or removed under the supervision of the Superintendent, and to his satisfaction.

34. Any stone more than three feet in height is classed as a monument.

35. No monument or headstone, vault or tomb shall be constructed of other materials than granite, marble, cut stone, or real bronze. No artificial material will be permitted.

## FOUNDATIONS.

36. Charges for foundations, including digging, are forty-two cents per cubic foot, for hard burned brick or stone laid in the best possible manner; the work to be done by the employes of the cemetery and under the direction of the Superintendent. Damage done in the setting and erecting of monuments will be charged up to the contractor.

37. Every foundation must be as deep as the bottom of the grave, never less than six feet in depth, and must be as wide and as long as the base stone resting upon it, and must not project above the level of the sod. The exposed portions of all sub-bases must be of the same material as the superstructure.

38. No monumental work shall be delivered at the cemetery until the foundation is completed and the contractor is at once ready to proceed with the erection.

39. Materials will not be allowed to remain in the cemetery longer than is absolutely necessary for the completion of the work. All refuse or unused material must be removed at once when the work is completed by the contractor.

40. No signs of an advertising nature will be permitted on any monument, tomb or grave stone, or elsewhere within the grounds.

41. The Board of Managers reserves the right and privilege, and so instruct the Superintendent, to stop all heavy hauling of material, and prevent the construction and erection of monuments and grave stones between the months of December 1 and April 1, nor will any heavy teaming be permitted in the cemetery in wet weather.

42. No slabs will be allowed; no enclosure of any description around any lot, and no lettered boards designating graves will be permitted.

43. No grave stone or marker can be set in a socket or with a dowel, and no marker of lots can be more than three inches, and no coping of graves will be allowed more than three inches aboveground.

44. In the single grave ranges, monuments for adult graves must not be more than three feet high, including base, nor more than two feet wide; for children's graves, marker must not be more than eighteen inches, high, including base, nor more than fifteen inches wide.

45. Double headstones embracing two or more graves will not be permitted.

#### BRICK GRAVES —VAULT.

46. Persons desiring to have graves walled inside with brick, laid in cement, will be furnished at the following prices:

From 2 to 3 feet in length inside, \$18.00; from 3 to 4 feet inside, \$20.00; from 4 to 5 feet inside, \$25 00; from 5 to 6 feet inside, \$30.00; from 6 to 7 feet inside, \$35.00; with stone cover, all complete.

#### RECEIVING TOMB.

47. A receiving tomb is provided for the accommodation of those who intend to purchase a lot or grave space in the cemetery, if they for good reasons can not be immediately buried after death; and as to further particulars the Superintendent stands instructed.

48. All bodies placed in the tomb and likely to be held there for a limited time must be in strong hermetically sealed cases, and must be accompanied with proper permit issued by the City Clerk, or health office of the city, and the required charges paid.

49. For each adult in receiving tomb for first whole or fractional month, \$5.00; for every succeeding month, \$3.00; for each child under 10 years of age, first whole or fractional month, \$3.00; for every succeeding month, \$2.00; for special opening of tomb, \$1.00.

50. The remains of deceased persons permitted to rest temporarily therein, due assurances must be given beforehand to the Superintendent that such remains shall be removed from the said tomb at a specified proper length of time.

(The charges above stated are subject to changes by the Board of Managers.)

51. If a body shall not be removed from the receiving tomb before the expiration of time, the cemetery managers may thereafter inter the remains in a single grave without further cost, but in special cases the time may be extended upon application to the Superintendent, and upon payment of the amount fixed for each month.

52. Where the removals are for interment in the cemetery, the usual permit must be obtained and the regular charge paid for opening, closing and sodding the grave.

53. The remains of any person who died from a contagious disease, such as small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or any other malignant pestilential disease will not be admitted to the receiving tomb.

#### CHAPEL.

54. The chapel is conveniently located and can upon application to the Superintendent, whose office is in connection with the building, be used for funeral services, without charge.

55. When, on account of the inclemency of the weather, it is desirable to postpone an interment, the services may be held in the chapel and the remains be placed in the receiving tomb, without any charge, provided the interment is made within three days thereafter.

#### WHERE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL RESIDE.

56. The Superintendent shall reside in the residence erected for the Superintendent within the cemetery grounds, and shall be in readiness at all reasonable times by himself or some competent assistant, to perform all the duties required of him.

57. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent or competent assistant to take full charge of funerals on entering the cemetery grounds, direct order of procedure with due respect to the undertaker, and the wishes of relatives and near friends of the deceased, but there should be no interference with the rules and regulations of the cemetery in conducting funerals.

#### RULES CONCERNING INTERMENTS.

58. When an interment is to be made, timely notice thereof, not less than six hours, should be given to the Superintendent of the cemetery, accompanied with a permit obtained from the City Clerk, which must show the name of the person to be interred, place of nativity, late residence, age, cause of death, and date, if known, name of attending physician, in whose lot to be buried, name of undertaker, size of burial case.

59. All charges for grave and interments must be paid before interment is made.

60. All funerals to be made on Sundays, notice for opening of the grave must not be given later than preceding Saturday afternoon. And the Board of managers earnestly request, for obvious reasons, that funerals on Sunday be avoided, except in cases of urgent necessity.

61. Not more than one body shall be interred in a grave of usual depth, except a parent and infant child, or two children buried at the same time.

62. During the months of May, June, July, August, September and October no body shall be disinterred within three years after decease. From the first day of November to the first day of May disinterments may be made at any time after death, excepting in cases where the death was by contagious disease, such as small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhus fever or other pestinential disease. Such cases the remains can be disinterred five years from the time of death.

63. Owners of lots shall not allow interments to be made at any remuneration whatever. The control of all lots, and graves, and tomb stones therein is vested solely in the owners holding deeds for the same, subject to the rules and regulations of the cemetery, and no rights claimed by other persons will be recognized.

64. The Superintendent will provide suitable persons or attendants at every interment, and he or his assistant will be present at every interment, and superintend the opening, closing and sodding of the grave.

#### FUNERALS.

65. All funerals will be under the supervision of the Superintendent and his assistants. Drivers of carriages must follow directions as to position on the roadways, must see to the opening and closing of carriages and remain by their horses during service at the grave.

#### WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE.

66. The Board of Managers or Superintendent of the cemetery will not be responsible for any mistake or error in the transmission of messages by telephone, the telephone service being only for the benefit and accommodation of lot holders and others having business with the office.

#### THE PURCHASING OF LOTS.

67. Full power having been vested in the Board of Managers of Oak Ridge Cemetery by city ordinance in accord with the amended charter of the city of Springfield in relation to Oak Ridge Cemetery management.

68. The title to all the land of said cemetery rests in the name of the city of Springfield. The conveyance or transfer of lots in said cemetery is made by deed from the city to purchaser as prescribed by the City Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal, and such deed upon payment of price thereof conveys and rests all the rights and title to such lot or place of burial to the purchaser, subject to all the rules and regulations as the City Council and the Board of Managers of said cemetery may from time to time establish.

#### DUTIES OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

69. The duties as to requirement of the Board of Managers are fully defined by City Ordinances and in accordance therewith the determination and decision as to any and all rights of burial, rules and regulations and the order thereof, by the Board of Managers, or the President of the Board, when consistent with the affairs of the Cemetery, shall be final and conclusive.

#### WORKMEN EMPLOYED.

70. All workmen employed and builders doing work in the Cemetery are subject to the control and direction of the Superintendent while on the grounds.

71. The supervision of the Superintendent of this Cemetery is for the benefit and protection, and it is but right that a strict compliance with its rules should and must be observed.

72. Any misconduct or discourtesy on the part of workmen or employés connected with the Cemetery will be discharged and not again be employed on the grounds.

#### GENERAL RULES RESPECTING VISITORS, ETC.

73. The gates are open every day at 7 o'clock a. m., and are closed at 7 o'clock p. m., from April 1st to October 1st, and at 8 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., from October 1st to April 1st. During the first named months, from April 1st October 1st, a bell is rung thirty minutes before leaving time to give visitors warning.

74. No omnibuses, wagons or heavy vehicles allowed inside of the ground carrying visitors.

75. No saddle horse, automobile, bicycle, or dogs allowed inside the enclosure.

76. No driving will be allowed faster than a walk or slow trot.

77. No shooting of fire arms on any occasion will be permitted, except special permit is granted.

78. No climbing or breaking down of fences, hedges, or other enclosure of the cemetery; persons so doing will be found guilty of trespass.

79. All persons are prohibited from plucking any flowers, either wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree or shrub, or in any way injuring any monument, tombstones or other structures.

80. No sitting or lying down on the grass, no boisterous language or rude behavior will be permitted. No disturbing of birds or robbing of their nests will be allowed.

81. The entering upon any private lot or grave, disturbing any flower or plants, or the carrying off of anything, except by the owner thereof, is forbidden.

82. No children will be allowed, unless attended by some person who will be responsible for their conduct.

83. Horses must not be left unfastened, hitching places having been provided for that purpose.

84. All persons are prohibited from throwing or dumping rubbish upon the lots or walks within the bounds of burial grounds. The proper place for such is by carrying it off, or by disposing of it at places provided.

85. No person will be permitted to enter the grounds with refreshments. No smoking allowed.

86. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any monument, fence, or other structure in, or belonging to the cemetery.

87. Any person disturbing the quiet and good order of the place, by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate any of the rules, will be immediately compelled to leave the grounds.

88. The Superintendent is charged to prohibit the entrance of all improper persons, and those who may be known to have, at any time, willfully transgressed the regulations of the cemetery.

89. Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and that a strict observance of the decorum which should characterize such a place, will be required of all.

90. The Superintendent is authorized and directed, to remove all persons who may violate any of these rules, or commit any trespass. Trespassers are liable to prosecution, and to a fine from \$5.00 to \$25.00 for each offense.

91. The provisions and penalties of the law will be strictly enforced, in all cases of wanton injury to anything within, or belonging to the cemetery.

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